GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:521
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2000
CENTRAL BOARD FOR WORKERS EDUCATION
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SHANKERSINH VAGHELA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted Central Board for Workers` Education to provide education and training to the young rural labourers;

(b) if so, whether any programme has been formulated by the above said Board;

(c) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of places identified for launching this programme; and

(d) the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on the implementation of this programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (A) TO (D) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 521 FOR ANSWER ON 03.05.2000 REGARDING CENTRAL BOARD FOR WORKERS EDUCATION BY SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA AND SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI.

Central Board for Workers Education was set up by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour in 1958 to conducta variety of Workers`` Education programme. The main objective of these programmes is to create awareness among all sections of workers in the organised and unorganised sectors both in urban and rural areas. However, Rural Workers Education Programme which is exclusively for rural labour, was initially started in 1977-78 with 7 Pilot Projects. It has now become a regular and country wide programme. It covers landless labour, agricultural workers and marginal farmers, fisheries labour, tribal labour, rural artisans, forest labour, general rural workers and educated unemployed youth in rural areas. These education programmes aim to promote among rural workers, critical awareness of their socio-economic problems, enhance their self-confidence and educate them in developing their Organisations through which they can strengthen democratic secular and socialistic values. The role of the Board is mainly educational and promotional. The three programmes which are conducted for rural workers are - Rural Educations` Training Course (1 month), Orientation programme for Rural Educators (one week) and Rural Awareness Camps (two days). The programmes are organised throughout the country by a network of 4 Zonal Directorates at Calcutta, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai and 49 Regional and 14 Sub-Regional Centres. The expenditure on various activities/ programmes of the Board is met out of the Grants-in-aid provided by the Government. During 1998-99, out of total Plan funds of Rs.1.84 Crore allocated for the Board, an expenditure of Rs. 1.00 Crore has been incurred on the implementation of Rural Workers Education programme. The total Plan funds allocated for the year 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 are 3.00 Crore and Rs. 4,68 Crore respectively of which Rs.

1.47 Crore is provisional expenditure for 1999-2000 and Rs. 2.85 Crore is projected expenditure during 2000-2001 on the above programme.